

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A padlock comprising:

a lock body having a first hole and a second hole, the first and second holes both facing in a same direction;

a shackle having a longer arm ~~movably~~ rotatably received in said first hole of said lock body, and a shorter arm extending ~~outside of said lock body~~ from said longer arm and being disposed outside said lock body; said shorter arm being rotatable about said longer arm to a locked position and an unlocked position; and

a confining block including a block portion and a ~~eylindrical~~ stem portion extending from a bottom of said block portion; said block portion rotatably disposed outside said lock body and defining a receptacle therein; said receptacle including a first opening defined in a top of said block portion for receiving said shorter arm of said shackle when said shorter arm is placed in said locked position; said eylindrical stem portion disposed inside being rotatably received in said second hole of said lock body and being rotatable with said block portion simultaneously, wherein when said block portion rotates from a first position to a second position, said shorter arm of said shackle remains staying in said receptacle of said block portion.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): The padlock of claim 38 further comprising a numeral wheel set disposed in said lock body, wherein said numeral wheel set includes:

a shaft being parallel with said ~~eylindrical~~ stem portion of said confining block and lying diagonally opposite to said block portion of said confining block;

a plurality of inner sleeves in parallel with one another and placed around said shaft; and

a plurality of digit-wheels each mounted around a respective one of said inner sleeves.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): The padlock of claim 38, wherein said receptacle of said block portion of said confining block further includes ~~a first opening defined in a top of said block portion and~~ a second opening defined in a side of said block portion, and ~~said first and second openings are~~ second opening is in communication with ~~each other~~ said first opening; in such a way that when said block portion rotates to said second position, said confining block is rotatable between a first position wherein said shorter arm of said shackle is prohibited from entrance into or withdrawal from said receptacle of said block portion via said second opening, and a second position wherein said shorter arm of said shackle is allowed to be rotated about said longer arm of said shackle for entrance into or withdrawal from said receptacle of said ~~blocking block~~ portion via said second opening.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): The padlock of claim 39, wherein said receptacle of said block portion of said confining block further includes ~~a first opening defined in a top of said block portion and~~ a second opening defined in a side of said block portion, and ~~said first and second openings are~~ second opening is in communication with ~~each other~~ said first opening; in such a way that when said block portion rotates to said second position, said block portion is rotatable between a first position wherein said shorter arm of said shackle is prohibited from entrance into or withdrawal from said receptacle of said block portion via said second opening, and a second position wherein said shorter arm of said shackle is allowed to be rotated about said longer arm of said shackle for entrance into or withdrawal from said receptacle of said ~~blocking block~~ portion via said second opening.